

AMENDED SET OF CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing, ameliorating or treating a bowel disease, comprising

administering ~~the~~ a composition comprising galactomannan and/or arabinogalactan of ~~claim 1~~ to a patient suffering from said bowel disease.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the bowel disease is an inflammatory bowel disease.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein said galactomannan and/or arabinogalactan is administered with a protein.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the protein is one or more proteins selected from the group consisting of a soy protein, a milk protein, a yolk protein, an albumen protein, a wheat protein and a degraded product thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing, ameliorating or treating ~~The method according to claim 12, wherein the bowel disease is~~ irritable bowel syndrome, comprising

administering a composition comprising galactomannan to a patient suffering from said irritable bowel syndrome.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~14~~ 12, wherein said composition is administered as a liquid food.

18. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the composition comprises degraded galactomannan as the galactomannan.

19. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein said galactomannan is degraded galactomannan.

20. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein the composition comprises degraded galactomannan as the galactomannan.

21. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein said inflammatory bowel disease is selected from the group consisting of ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease and intestinal Behçet disease.

22. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein said inflammatory bowel disease is selected from the group consisting of ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease and intestinal Behçet disease.

23. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein said method is for ameliorating or treating said bowel disease.

24. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein said method is for ameliorating or treating said bowel disease.

25. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein said method is for ameliorating or treating said irritable bowel syndrome.

26. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein said composition comprises galactomannan and does not comprise arabinogalactan.

27. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein said composition comprises arabinogalactan and does not comprise galactomannan.

28. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein said composition comprises galactomannan and arabinogalactan.